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ARE YOU READY FOR  
*Batman's*  
MOMENT OF TRUTH?

# BATMAN

WITH ROBIN, THE BOY WONDER

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THE ADVENT OF A NEW "UNDERGROUND" SCANDAL-SHEET IN GOTHAM CITY CAUSES MANY A RAISED EYEBROW--AND MANY A WORRIED BROW...



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IN THE EDITORIAL OFFICES OF  
IT'S YOUR BAG...

A REAL READ-  
OF AN OPENING-  
ARTICLE, SCRIBE!  
BOUND TO ROCK.  
THE SOLID  
CITIZENS OFF  
THEIR PLUSH  
PILLARS OF  
SOCIETY!

MAN, WILL  
THIS EVER  
GRAB THE  
CIRCULATION  
AWAY FROM  
THOSE STUFFED  
SHEETS?

BUT WHAT'VE YOU GOT TO  
BACK UP THE PIRT  
IN THIS OPENER?  
HOW DO WE  
DELIVER THE  
GOODS IN  
NEXT WEEK'S  
FOLLOW-UP  
ARTICLE?

DON'T SWEAT IT, CHIEF;  
BY NEXT WEEK--ONE  
OF THOSE FOUR  
SUCKERS WILL  
DO IT FOR US!



# IT'S YOUR BAG

WHICH ONE IS THE REAL BATMAN?

THE STARTING DISCLOSURE APPEARS EXCLUSIVELY IN THIS PAPER NEXT WEEK! BY JACK DODD SIBRAM, SCRIBE

OBVIOUSLY  
THEY'RE ALL  
"SHOTS-IN-  
THE-DARK"--  
EVEN TO THE  
INCLUSION OF  
BRUCE WAYNE!  
BUT-- IT PUTS  
BATMAN ON THE  
SPOT!



I DON'T FOLLOW, SIR!  
WHY DO YOU HAVE  
TO REACT TO  
THOSE RABID  
RAVINGS?

BECAUSE SCRIBE IS FORCING MY HAND.  
THINK A MOMENT-- WHO WOULD BENEFIT  
MOST FROM KNOWING THE REAL  
IDENTITY OF  
BATMAN?

THE UNDERWORLD,  
ORGANIZED CRIME!

PRECISELY: DESPITE  
THEIR MANY DESPERATE  
ATTEMPTS, THEY'VE  
BEEN UNABLE TO  
DESTROY THEIR  
HEKESIS-- BATMAN!

BUT IF HIS REAL  
IDENTITY AS BRUCE  
WAYNE IS EXPOSED,  
I'M A SITTING-DUCK  
FOR EVERY HOT PISTOL  
IN TOWN!

PRECISELY... RIGHT BACK AT YOU,  
BRUCE! SO WHAT COULD  
POSSIBLY FORCE YOU TO  
UNMASK YOURSELF?

THIS...

THREE INNOCENT  
BYSTANDERS! IF BATMAN  
DON'T REVEAL HIMSELF  
BY NEXT WEEK, ALL FOUR  
OF US BECOME--

PRIME TARGETS  
FOR A HIT!

BACK IN THE PROVOCATEUR'S OFFICES.

YOU CAN PLAY IT  
COOL, SCRIBE --  
BUT THIS PAPER  
HAS TO HAVE  
A PATSY BY  
PRESS-TIME NEXT  
WEEK! OR, WE'RE  
OUT OF  
BUSINESS!

CHIEF, YOU  
WORRY TOO  
MUCH! BATMAN  
HAS TO  
REVEAL  
HIMSELF TO  
PROTECT  
THE OTHERS;  
HE'S THE BOY  
WITH THE BIG  
CONSCIENCE.

A PSYCHOLOGICAL PROGNOSTICA-  
TION VERY SHREWDOU ARRIVED  
AT, AS...

I'VE MADE  
MY DECISION!

BEFORE THE END  
OF THIS WEEK, I'LL  
ANNOUNCE TO THE  
WORLD-- THE REAL  
IDENTITY OF  
BATMAN!



BRUCE, YOU MUST  
BE KIDDING! DO  
YOU REALIZE THE  
CONSEQUENCES?

THE MOMENT  
YOU ANNOUNCE  
THAT BATMAN  
IS REALLY BRUCE  
WAYNE...

THE BACKLASH SETS IN!  
LET'S SAY YOU'RE LEAVING  
FOR THE WAYNE FOUNDATION  
ONE FINE MORNING...

HOP IN, DICK!  
I'LL DROP YOU  
AT SCHOOL  
ON MY WAY...



THERE... THERE... PASTTY  
GRIM IMAGININGS, DICK!

ON THE OTHER  
HAND, LET'S TAKE  
THE POSITIVE  
SIDE!



IMAGINE, DICK!  
NO MORE DISSEMBLING  
TO PROTECT MY IDENTITY  
AS BATMAN! PUBLIC  
APPEARANCES—INSPIRATIONAL  
TALKS TO YOUTH—

—AND PUBLIC  
EXPOSURE  
TO EVERY  
GUN-SIGHT  
THE UNDERWORLD  
CAN TROT OUT!



Possibly, Dick...  
Possibly, but  
once again...

I COULD EXPAND MY CRIME-  
FIGHTING ACTIVITIES! BY DAY—  
AS BRUCE WAYNE! AT NIGHT—  
AS BATMAN!



"OUR DINNER HOURS  
WOULD BE PEACEFUL—  
UNINTERRUPTED BY  
HOTLINE CALLS..."

G-GOOD  
HEAVENS!  
SOMEONE  
POISONED  
THE FOOD!

I—I NEVER  
THOUGHT OF  
THAT!



WHAT'S THE MATTER,  
BRUCE? YOU LOOK  
LIKE YOU'D SEEN  
A GHOST!

I--I DID! I  
NEED TIME TO  
THINK THIS OVER...

I COULDN'T POSSIBLY  
TELL DICK--BUT  
MORE INNOCENT  
LIVES THAN I THOUGHT  
HANG ON MY  
DECISION...

AND IN ANOTHER PART OF GOTHAM, SPOOKS MANSION  
ALSO FACES A DILEMMA...

OKAY, SPOOKS--A  
GAS IS A GAS, BUT  
WHAT'S THIS ABOUT  
YOU BEIN' BATMAN?

SINCE WHEN DO YOU  
BELIEVE EVERYTHING  
YOU READ IN NEWS-  
PAPERS, HUH?

SOME CREEPY  
NEWSHOUND'S IDEA  
OF A CIRCULATION-  
GRABBER STORY  
OR MAYBE--

--MAYBE IT'S A "PLANT" BY  
BATMAN HIMSELF, FIGURING  
ON GETTING US TO DISTRUST  
EACH OTHER--SO WE DO HIM  
A FAVOR BY KNOCKING  
OURSELVES OFF.

I SAY WE  
COOL IT--TILL  
BATMAN  
MAKES A  
MOVIE!

AND MAKE A MOVE BATMAN (BRUCE WAYNE)  
DOES--ON THE 2ND PAGE FOLLOWING!



## PLUCK

Bullet her, yourself! She's the plucky Navy PBY, and plucking down pilots out of the sea during WWII was her specialty. She'd drop down on the water, pluck up her boys, and off she'd go again... all within a matter of seconds and a few hundred feet, and sometimes under direct enemy fire. No wonder so many flyers loved her. She was also the first flying boat to span the U.S. and flew to explore unknown regions of the Arctic and New Guinea. And in WWII she led mines, ferried men and supplies, and was a patrol bomber of the famed Black Cat Squadron. You can't seem to keep the old gal down. Now that's hard at work fighting forest fires! We think you'll learn to love her too, as you build Revell's beautifully authentic model of the classic PBY Catalina. She sells for under \$7.00, wherever toy or hobby stores are sold.

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I HAVE IT. IT'S THE ONLY WAY!

I WANT NO INTERFERENCE, HOWEVER WELL-INTENTIONED FROM YOU TWO. NO ATTEMPT TO GET IN TOUCH WITH ME--WHATEVER HAPPENS.

TWO TENSE DAYS LATER...

OKAY, SCRIBEWISE GUY! HOW COME THIS SCOOP APPEARS IN THE GOTHAM GUARDIAN--THE OPPOSITION PAPER?

'CAUSE, CHEF, WE'RE A WEEKLY! AND SO WHAT I CALLED THE SHOT, DIDN'T I?

YOU'LL NEXT HEAR FROM ME--WHEN THE WORLD DOES!



WHILE IN THE WAYNE MANSION...

NO WORD FROM BRUCE YET, ALFRED! I'M WORRIED STIFF! ANYTHING IN THE MORNING PAPER?

IT DIDN'T ARRIVE THIS MORNING. MASTER DICK CALLED THE HOME DELIVERY--SAID THEY'RE ALL SOLD OUT! ODD...



ODD? IT MAY BE CATASTROPHIC! OUTSIDE OF A MAJOR DISASTER ONLY ONE THING COULD --

TO RECAP, THE MOMENTOUS NEWS OF THE DAY IS BATMAN'S BOMBSHELL ANNOUNCEMENT THAT TONIGHT, OVER ALL MAJOR NETWORKS--

THE MASKED MANHUNTER WILL REVEAL HIS TRUE IDENTITY!

IT IS A CATASTROPHE



I CAN'T LET HIM DO IT! GOT TO GET TO THE STUDIO BEFORE THE TELECAST-- STOP HIM! HE'S SIGNING HIS OWN DEATH SENTENCE!

NO, MASTER DICK! YOU MUSTN'T! MASTER BRUCE GAVE SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS!



AFTER HOURS OF FINGERNAIL-CHEWING SUSPENSE, THE FATEFUL HOUR ARRIVES!

MANY UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPTS HAVE BEEN MADE TO PIERCE MY DISGUISE, BUT NOW--DUE TO A SCURILLOUS ARTICLE IN A 'NAMELESS' PAPER--

-- PUTTING THE LIVES OF INNOCENT MEN IN JEOPARDY--



--I HAVE CHOSEN TO REVEAL MY TRUE IDENTITY...

WHO'D HAVE GUESSED?

GASP!

IT'S-- HIM?

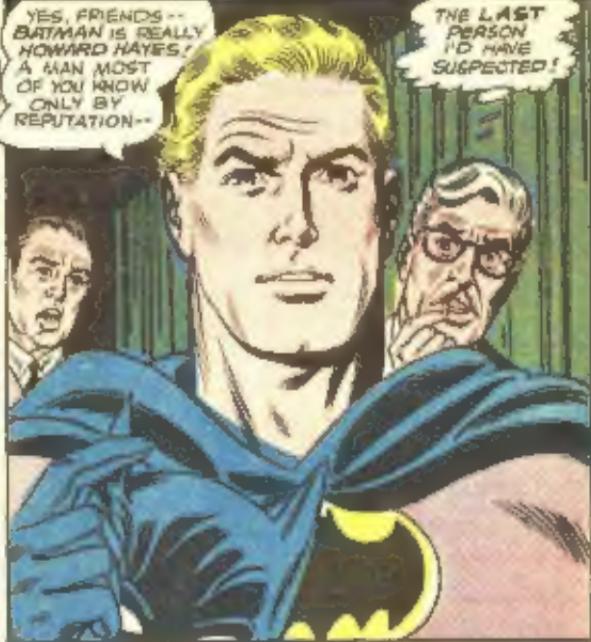
NO! IT CAN'T BE--!



R - HOW COULD  
BRUCE DO  
SUCH A THING ?  
HE MUST KNOW  
HE COULD NEVER  
GET AWAY WITH --

YES, FRIENDS --  
BATMAN IS REALLY  
HOWARD HAYES !  
A MAN MOST  
OF YOU KNOW  
ONLY BY  
REPUTATION --

THE LAST  
PERSON  
I'D HAVE  
SUSPECTED !



--PASSING OFF  
BATMAN TO  
THE WORLD  
AS HOWARD  
HAYES--

THE WIDELY-  
KNOWN -- BUT  
SELDOM SEEN --  
RICHEST MAN IN  
THE WORLD !



MEANWHILE, AT SPOOKS MANSION'S PLACE --

WHATTAKA KNOW,  
BATMAN -- THE  
CAMERA-SHY PLAY-  
BOY OF THE WESTERN  
WORLD !

NO WONDER HE WAS LENSHY  
WHAT WITH HIM BEIN' THE  
CONCEALED CRUSADER  
ON THE SIDE !



AND BACK AT THE TV STUDIO...

YOU SURE "CALLED THE  
SHOT", SCRIBE !  
BRO-THER, DID YOU  
EVER --

I THOUGHT  
I HAD THE  
INSIDE DOPE.  
CHIEF, HOW WAS  
I TO KNOW --



HIS ENTIRE NEWS PROPHETIC AT STAKE,  
SCRIBE LEAPS TO HIS ATTACK.

I CHALLENGE THIS FAKE! HE'S  
NONE OF THE MEN I PREDICTED!  
IN MY  
ARSENAL  
F HE IS BATMAN  
WHERE IS ROBIN?

I'LL ALMOST REACH FOR S.A.  
THAT BY REVEALING MYSELF,  
I BECOME A TARGET FOR  
ORGAN ED 'TIME' COULD  
NOT ASK ROBIN TO TAKE  
THAT RISK.

FROM NOW ON I WORK  
ALONE AND ROBIN CAN  
LEAD A PEACEFUL YOUTH  
UNMOLESTED IN HIS  
ANONYMITY.

WELL  
SAID  
MR HAYES  
STUPID  
AS ONLY  
BATMAN  
A CHILD

MAN TRANSMISSIONER  
SLARDON. YOU'VE  
WORKED IT OUT  
WITH BATMAN. ASK  
HIM IF ANYTHING  
ONLY YOU TWO  
WOULD KNOW.



AND  
THOUSANDS  
OF TERRIBLE  
AWAY  
IN THE  
AR-BEAN  
IN A  
PRIVATE  
ISLAND



IT'S  
SO UNHEAD  
TAKES SO UNHEAD  
OUR PLAT  
ASK

ANOTHER INTERESTED  
VIEWER ASKS THE  
QUEST ON A SATELLITE  
RE AT PLATE

ALRIGHT BATMAN -  
OUTLINE OF OUR HOT  
LINE PHONE WHAT'S  
MY PRIVATE UNLISTEN  
HOME NUMBER



ODD'ST SENSATION SEEING  
MYSELF LIVE ON TV IN  
THAT BATMAN SET UP.

BUT BETTER HIM THAN ME  
WOULDN'T RELISH SETTING  
MYSELF UP AS A TARGET

YOUR JNL SPEED  
NUMBER WOULD  
HARDLY REMAIN  
PRIVATE IF I  
TOLD IT ON  
WORLD WIDE TV.  
COMMISSIONER,

BUT I CAN WRITE IT  
DOWN SO ONLY YOU  
CAN SEE IT

CORRECT  
I DON'T  
NEED ANY  
FURTHER  
GIVING NG.  
BUTMAN?

IF I CAN HAVE + V  
GOTHAM ESTATE  
AND ALL THAT VEE  
WITH T LET HMA  
PLAY" HOWARD  
HAYES ? HE FE  
DID D S HIS PUBLIC  
FIGURE ROL

REAL CLEVER BATMAN!  
I NEVER SHOULD HAVE  
UNDERESTIMATED YOU  
WHEN YOU FIRST CAME  
TO ME IN THE YOUR  
SCREWY SCHEME

WHILE IN THE  
TV STUDIO

YOU AND YOUR BIG  
PUBLIC TV STUNTS  
I'M RUINED

SCRIBE  
YOU'RE  
FIRED!

YOU SURE RID GOTHAM  
OF A ROTTEN RAG  
BATMAN ER AIR  
HAVE - BUT NOW I  
CONCERNED ABOUT  
YOUR SAFETY. LET ME  
GIVE YOU PRIVATE  
PROTEKTOK

OH OH THANKS  
COMMISSIONER JORDON  
BUT HOW CULD I  
FUNCTION WTH AN  
ARMY AROUND  
ME ?

GOING HOME WHERE I CAN GET A  
PEACE & NIGHT'S SLEEP AND  
CRAVASS ONER. DONT ALL WE  
DO CALL YOU

SOON, AT THE HAYES ESTATE

WELCOME MR H. WHERE WE EVER THROWN WHEN YOU CAME OUT WITH THAT BATMAN BLOCK-BUSTER ON TV!

THANKS FOR THE ACCLADES BOYS JUST MAKE SURE YOU DON'T SHOOT ME AS A PROWLER ONE IN CHIT

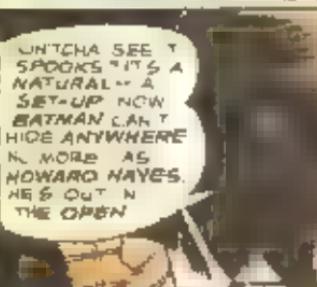
SURE MESS DICK AND ALFRED BUT THEY'LL HAVE A QUIETER AND SAFER LIFE WITHOUT ME!

AND SO WILL HOWARD HAYES! WITH VERY LITTLE DISGUISE HE CAN TRAVEL THE GLOBE - INCOGITO - LIVING UP WITH ALL HIS MONEY!

WHILE I WAIT--ON A RAZOR'S EDGE--FOR THE UNDERWORLD TO CHOP ME DOWN

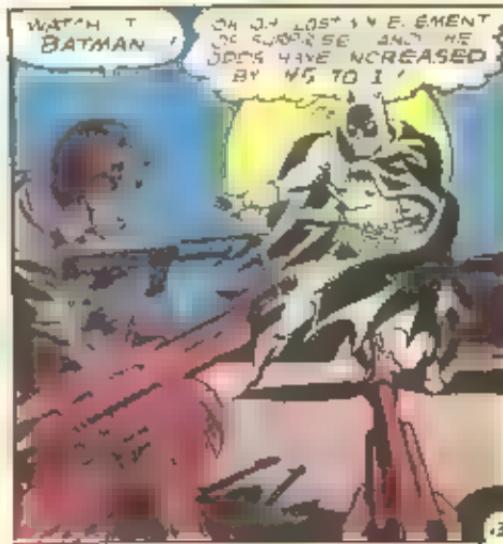
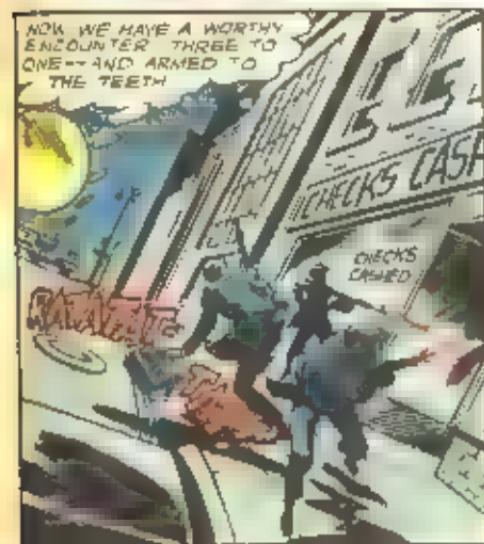
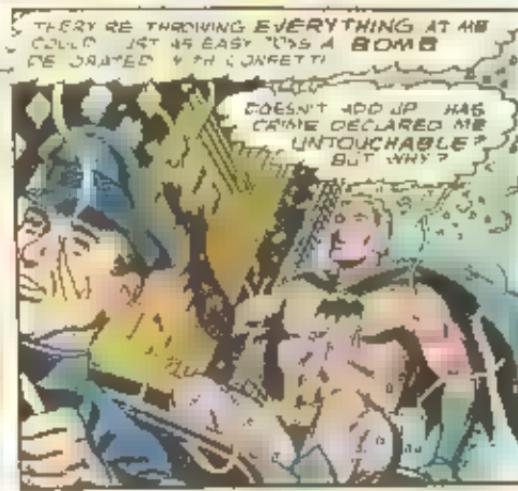
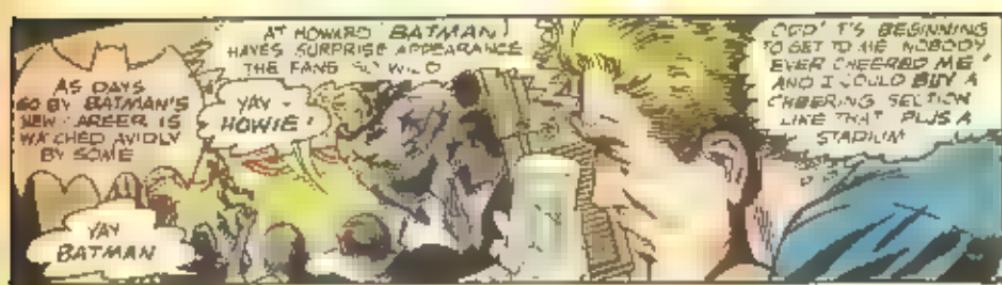


A WAIT WHICH MAY NOT TAKE TOO LONG AS



- AND THAT'S WHY I DON'T LIKE IT!

NO - WE'LL JUST STICK ON OUR GUNS AND COOLLY GET THE WORD AROUND - LET BATMAN STEW IN HIS OWN JELLYBEAN NEED TIME TO FIGURE HIS ANSWER!



AND THEN TO THE COWLED CRUSADER'S  
AMAZEMENT . . .

REMEMBER THE  
WORD BOYS?  
COOL T

EH?

GREAT GOING  
BATT MR  
HAYES YOU'VE  
DONE IT AGAIN

EASIEST  
NAB I EVER  
HAVE MADE

TOO EASY  
WHAT'S THE  
UNDERWORLD'S  
ANGLE?

A GUEST ON  
THE AIR WAS  
INTERESTED  
PART

EVER A WEEK IN THE PUBLIC  
ARENA AND HE'S A  
4 LOVE IN BATMAN  
HE EAT EVERYBODY  
LOVES HIM

HOWARD HAYES  
HAS TO BECH SELECTED  
AS MAN OF THE YEAR  
AT THE AWARD DINNER  
BY EVEN  
BAT IRON NIGHT

THAT'S THE ONE  
HIC I COULD NEVER  
BE PUBLIC ACCLAIM  
AND BATMAN JUST WALKS  
IN POSING AS ME

THIS IS HOWARD HAYES  
WHAT'S THE LOWDOWN ON  
WHY THE BOYS ARE LAYING  
OFF BATMAN ME?

YOW! THE FIE EAR FOR  
MY RETURN ALL I  
HAVE TO DO IS SLIM NATE  
BATMAN - QUIETLY - AND  
TAKE HIS PLACE AS THE ONLY  
HOWARD/BATMAN/HAYES

AND THEY HAND  
IT TO HIM ON A  
SILVER PLATTER

LONG  
DISTANCE  
LET ME  
GO GOTHAM  
CITY

HE WORD'S OUT!  
MR HAYES TO  
DO IT NOW I  
DON'T KNOW  
WHY

THEN I  
WILL BE THE  
IDOL OF  
GOTHAM CITY  
AND THE  
WORLD

IN THE ENGLAND DAZE THE ATHLE'IC HOWARD HAYES BRUSHES UP IN THE DEAD-EST KILLING TECHNIQUES KNOWN TO MAN.



KABOOOM!

KCHUNG!

NOW I'M READY  
FOR HUA NOT EVEN  
BATMAN LAH MATCH  
MY STRENGTH,  
SPEED, AND  
WITS.

AND WITH  
THE ELEMENT  
OF SURPRISE  
ON MY SIDE

AS THE DAY OF THE  
AWARD DINNER  
Dawns

IN A FEW HOURS  
HE CAN HUMPHIE ER  
HUA HOWARD HAYES  
IS WELL ON SH

WELL I  
TAKE ER TEE  
FORE ER  
BE MAN O  
THE YEAR

NOW A JUDICIOUS CALL TO MY EX-RESIDENCE AND BATMAN BEGINS HIS FINAL JOURNEY TO OBSCURE  
TOTAL OBSCURITY

MANY HOURS LATER THE BILLIONAIRE'S EXEC-JET LANDS AT GOTHAM AIRPORT



AND AS BRUCE WORKS ON HIS ACCEPTANCE SPEECH THE PHONE RINGS

BATMAN? I  
UNLESS YOU'RE  
PREDERING  
WHY WE LET  
YOU LIVE  
WHILE YOU  
CONTINUE TO  
INTERFERE  
WITH OUR  
ACTIVITIES

THAT VOICE SOUNDS  
FAMILIAR, BUT I  
CAN'T PLACE IT

WHO ARE  
YOU?

YOU'D NEVER GUESS IT,  
BUT IF YOU WANT  
TO FIND OUT...

MEET ME  
IN ONE HOUR  
OUTSIDE HANGAR  
#7 AT GOTHAM  
AIRPORT

THE FOUL TRAP IS LAD. WILL BATMAN WALK  
INTO IT? WITH BATBOB BREATH, WE PAUSE  
FOR 2 PAGES

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# AQUAMAN

WANTED BY THE  
HOBSONS  
DEAD OR  
ALIVE!

ON SALE MARCH 4th





**Detective Comics #27 (May, 1939)**

The first issue of *Hot* came out in 1963 in Japan, and it was a success. It had a lot of readers who enjoyed reading it. By 1965, it had sold over 100,000 copies. In 1967, the magazine was the best-seller in Japan. It was a brand-new series. By the time it was published, it was sold out as a reader's favorite.

A tragic reason for closure of Compopo was  
when the two best known at the time were  
a half-breed called Tom Brother Jerry Angel and the  
shouter he came from Cape Town were he people he  
met at the Cape and the world was the same of them  
and they were well with him and his partner  
from which he left to become a shouter in  
the Cape and the Cape is where he died. He  
died because it is said that he is an escaped  
slave Black and Benson 3 am makes short work of  
Benson he means his the slaves but the story is that beginning  
the day before he comes with the two men an account  
of him is believed to have gone to Swartland  
where he will be found to be a slave when  
he is taken to be sold he seems familiar with  
the Harry with size of him on the slopes of the mountain  
he is seen to be one might be followed he is  
seen to be away from the region from and  
then overcome him it is said to be surprised by  
Black and who was not to be the slave master  
another name and Black are leading a dog and sent  
peddler down a mountain side toward a chain. At the  
instant they find themselves over and stop their  
flight After freeing his hands he jumps he says  
and among them Sam Brodie was a very popular  
caption he is buried near the long wall.

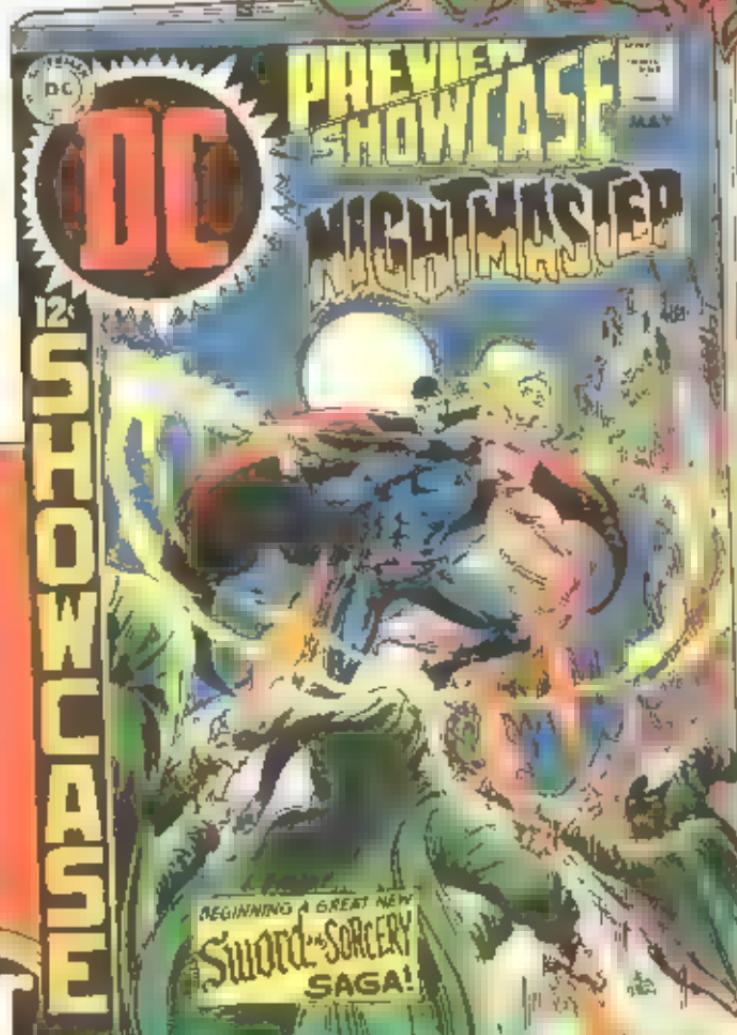
Another man who was well-received was another Siegel-Shuster series editor simply Spy. Bart Regan was to James B... but he soon managed to involve himself in some fairly fantastic scheme that threatened national security. In his particular story to page 42, two members of a lone-man congressional committee suddenly die apparently of internal injuries. Bart's best suspect is the other and sends him to investigate. While talking to him with a third congressman, the latter suddenly falls dead with the same cause of death as the other two. Bart quickly rushes the last remaining congressman to a hotel and registers him under false names. He happens to run over to committee files while going to the break in and finds Bart's name on his card which Bart gladly allows him to eat away. Then he finds the lead and Bart vanishes, but he

real's art work, it's a bit off however in a bit of quick thinking, Back is able to bring up the gun as a destrutive device. Back at the inn, he makes some remarks. He eventually learns of the reason to which Part spares a review. That is to be in another war. Part's career as he intended prior to the end of World War I.

and Hashi and Sp... were to be the  
strip in the Desert. The two of us dash  
There was also featured some senior another one  
investigation who in sue #2 showed he Real members  
members of the Kurds of Kurdistan the Black Shu...  
a Western name disease got it from a  
a who in the West of the country a  
prostitute will never be seen as a person a  
Said the man in the suit then said full  
filled up the room. The others in the audience  
will remember me the Player of Durgar  
Plane and Pale Martin Cunningham George  
Hornet the idea for the web show adaptations  
of Sue Rutherford Dr Ed Manche

Naturally the main event of Detective Comics #27 was the first appearance of The Human. This classic first story of how being featured in the 10th anniversary celebration for Batman in the May Detective Comics #10 had been. However combined procedure a character that fit right into the Detective comic book but changed the entire direction of the magazine and of the comic industry itself. Here was a character which operated as a detective solving the murder or crimes of the day as did most of the other features in the book. However there was an added development. The cat (or should I say bat?) had the very essence of mystery surrounding him. With his dark costume and ever mysterious appearance and disappearance he seemed to represent the image of the perfect detective. Criminals were never the same afterwards. And Detective #100 was never the same again either. The introduction of Batman as a other member had a major impact on the magazine beginning he came to the scene in a single #100 cover was in elongated #100. To see Batman shape what has to be one his classic. I think it is his tie to the batman as Batman in the Bat Signal and Batman.

# A SAGA OF SWORD and SORCERY



SAGA  
SHOWCASE

ON  
SALE  
MARCH  
13<sup>th</sup>

SHORTLY  
AFTER THE  
MYSTERY  
CALL

COULD BE AN UNDERWORLD  
TIPSTER LOOKING TO PICK UP  
A QUICK BUCK BY SPILLING  
SOME INSIDE INFO

OR MORE LIKELY  
T'S HE HAD BEEN EXPECTING  
ALL ALONG

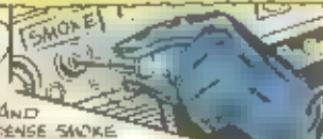
KNEW CURIOSITY WOULD  
KILL THIS AT BUT I  
CAN'T LET HIM HERE!



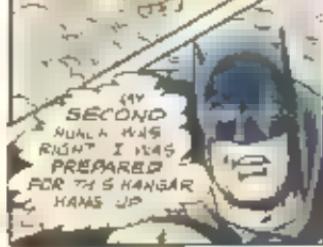
ONE INTENTIONALLY  
MISSSED SHOT--TO  
ALERT HIM THEN  
HELL FOLLOW ME  
TO WHERE I CAN  
DISPOSE OF HIM  
UNSEEN!

MY  
UNKNOWN  
TIPSTER  
IS NOWHERE  
IN SIGHT WHICH  
MEANS

A PULLED LEVER ON THE DASHBOARD



AND  
DENSE SMOKE  
POURS OUT OF  
THE FEAR OF THE  
BATMAN! F!



WH-WHED  
HE DISAPPEAR  
TO?



YOU'RE GOING TO  
BURN YOUR CONTRACT  
THE HARD WAY



THANKS FOR KNOCKING  
THE GUN OUT OF MY  
HAND. BATMAN. YOU  
FREED BOTH OF THEM  
SO I CAN GIVE YOU  
MY FULL ATTENTION

BESIDES I  
WANTED TO  
DO THIS JOB  
SILENTLY!

HAVE TO CHANGE  
MY PLAN - FINISH  
NAM HERE!  
DUMP HIM ELSE  
WHERE

HOLD THAT POSE,  
BABY. YOUR NECK'S  
JUST READY FOR  
THE CHOPPING  
BLOCK!

NEVER DID HAVE  
THE PATIENCE  
TO POSE. I'M TOO  
RESTLESS!

USE IN CASE  
OF FIRE

WAH!

*there's a*

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HAPPY HOLIDAY!  
I KNOW IT'S BEEN A TERRIFIC YEAR, BUT  
WE CAN DO IT AGAIN! I WANT TO  
BE A SUPERHERO, AND I WANT YOU  
TO BE MY FRIEND.

**BATMAN** **SUPERMAN**

INVITE  
YOU TO  
GET YOUR  
**FREE**  
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MAY THROUGH  
OCTOBER HAVE  
THE** **GREEN!**

Free Ride  
BATMAN SLIDE  
Free Ride  
CAROUSEL

BESIDES I'M NOT CUT OUT TO BE KILLING WOOD

NOW TO SEE WHO YOU ARE -

HOWARD HAYES?

TAKES ADVANTAGE OF BATMAN'S LONGESTINATION AT THE STARTLING REVELATION OF HIS WOULD-BE KILLER, HAYES REACTS WITH AMAZING REGENERATIVE POWER.

THE SAME BATMAN  
YOU BORROWED MY NAME -

NOW I'M CALLING IN  
MY LOAN -

ZOX

I'M RECLAIMING MY IDENTITY  
AND ADOPTING YOURS AND  
SINCE I'VE MADE BATMAN  
AND HOWARD HAYES  
THE SAME PERSON ...

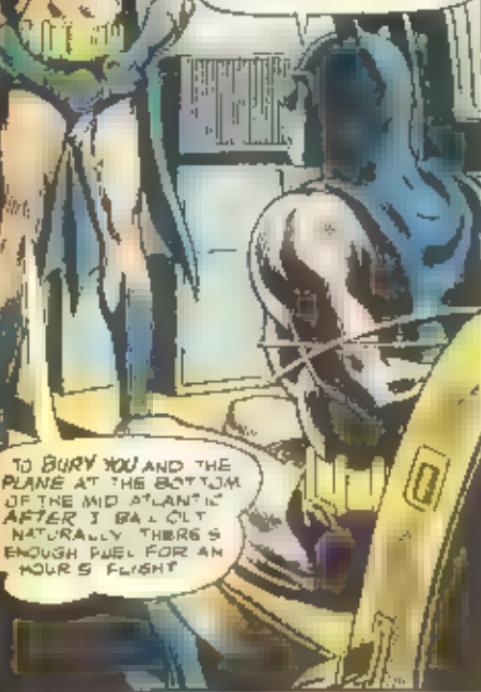
THAT  
MAKES YOU  
ONE TOO MANY  
BATMEN !

YOUR "DISAPPEARANCE  
WILL NEVER BE NOTICED --  
SINCE BATMAN WILL  
CONTINUE TO EXIST !

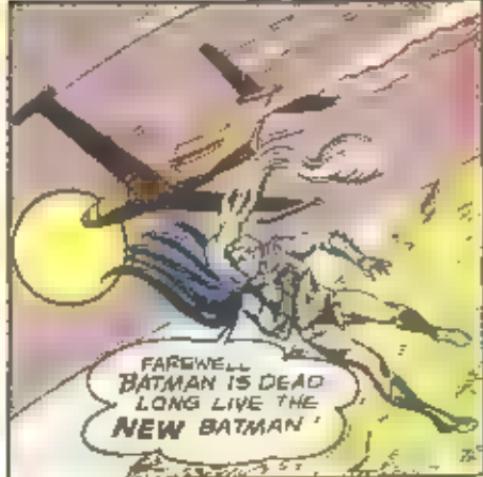
SWITCHING TO AUTOMAT C-PILOT THE IMPOSTOR  
REJOINS HIS CAPTIVE AUDIENCE

SHALL BE MY PLEASURE TO  
CARRY ON THE MAGNIFICENT  
BATMAN TRADITION FOR  
YOU A ROLE I'M OBVIOUSLY  
WELL EQUIPPED TO TAKE  
OVER

YOU'VE BOUND ME--  
WITH MY OWN BATROPE!  
WHAT DO YOU PLAN--?



TO BURY YOU AND THE  
PLANE AT THE BOTTOM  
OF THE MID ATLANTIC  
AFTER I BALLOON  
NATURALLY THERE'S  
ENOUGH FUEL FOR AN  
HOUR'S FLIGHT



AS THE JET BORES RELENTLESSLY ON OVER  
THE VAST EXPANSE OF NOTHINGNESS THE  
MASTER OF ESCAPE STRUGGLES DESPERATELY  
AGAINST TIME

JETS BEGINNING  
TO SPUTTER NOT MUCH TIME  
TO FREE MYSELF



AND THE JET DIVES STRAIGHT DOWN



THEN SUDDENLY



AS THE PLUNGING JET IS JOLTED TO A SLOW DESCENT A STUNNED BATMAN LOOKS UP

I CAN'T BELIEVE  
+ +  
BAT-HOOK!?



SORRY TO DISOBEY  
ORDERS BATMAN -  
BUT WE'VE BEEN  
KEEPING AN  
EYE ON YOU  
ALL ALONG

AND  
ROBIN -  
ALFRED -  
IN THE  
BAT-  
COPTER

HAD  
TO GET  
AS YOU  
CAN PLAINLY  
SEE

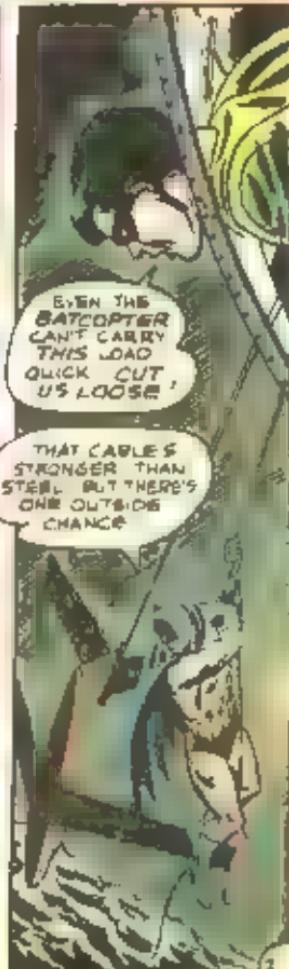


HURRY GRAB  
HOLD OF THIS  
BAT ROPE  
THE PLANES  
DRAGGING US  
ALL DOWN



EVEN THE  
BATCOPTER  
CAN'T CARRY  
THIS LOAD  
QUICK CUT  
US LOOSE

THAT CABLE'S  
STRONGER THAN  
STEEL BUT THERE'S  
ONE OUTSIDE  
CHANCE



INSIDE MY  
UTILITY BELT...  
THE MINI-LASER  
GUN!

I SPWEE! HOW CLOSE  
CAN YOU GET?

ZING

LATER, AT THE AWARDS DINNER...

ON BEHALF OF THE "MAN OF  
THE YEAR" COMMITTEE, IT  
GIVES ME GREAT  
PLEASURE TO  
DECLARE YOU,  
HOWARD (BATMAN)  
HAYES --

--A FRAUD!

ALIVE--AND THE ONE AND  
ONLY BATMAN! AS YOU PLAINLY  
HEARD HAYES ADMIT,  
COMMISSIONER  
GORDON!

BATMAN--  
ALIVE?!



BUT I'M STILL PERPLEXED: ONE--HOW DID HAYES KNOW MY PRIVATE UNLISTED NUMBER WHEN I ASKED HIM THE TEST QUESTION?

AND TWO--WHY WOULD THE WORLD'S RICHEST MAN WANT TO STEAL YOUR IDENTITY, BATMAN?

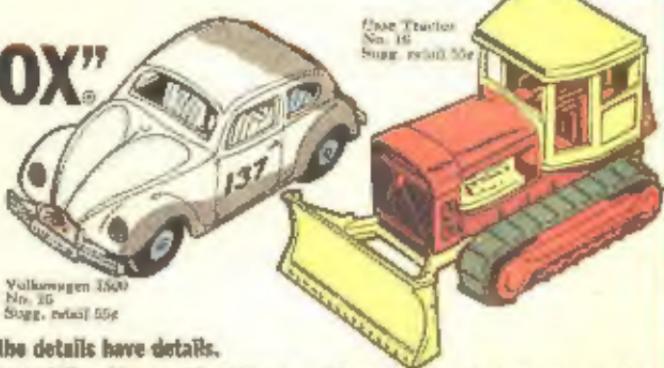
ONE--HE DIDN'T. IT WAS I--MASQUERADE AS "HOWARD HAYES"--UNTIL HE GOT THE BRIGHT IDEA OF MASQUERADE AS BATMAN!

TWO--BECAUSE THERE ARE THINGS THAT ALL THE WEALTH IN THE WORLD CAN'T BUY!

TRUE, BATMAN--THE LOVE AND ADULATION OF A GRATEFUL CITIZENRY--THAT CAN ONLY BE EARNED!

THE END.

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Dear Editor:

One wonders what could make *dynamic* stories, such as "The Doomsday Bell" in *Batman* #207, so absorbing. We know that you can't kill eight million people along with *Batman*, so how can we get worked up about a story in which we know the ending? For one thing, we can marvel at the detective ability *Batman* uses to obtain his clues. We watch the *Dynamic Duo* at their fighting best, and try to match wits with them on how to escape deathtraps. But most of all, we get that feeling of desperation. We start to get impatient and wonder when the *Caped Crusader* is going to meet *Skinnay* and receive his big clue. If it were not for that, I think that many stories would come off with a big HO-HUM!

You put in this feeling of anxiety quite well. It took 14 pages before *BM* got his first clue. What was really great was the way you put so many situations in one issue. We had the illustration of the dilemma, fight scenes with deathtraps, the meeting of *Brill's* distiller-captains, the search in the *Gotham* slum area, and meeting *Skinnay* ("Where'd ya get that?"), the discovery of the bomb, the showdown with the *Mad Bomber*, and the bomb's deactivation. My compliments to writer Frank Robbins.

I would think that *Skinnay's* mother would have called the police or at least started yelling "Bloody Murder!" If the two costumed characters burst in like that, I'd have the police on the phone so fast . . . ! Since people in that neighborhood don't have phones, radios, or TV sets, they probably wouldn't know about *Batman* and *Robin*!

One thing more: We never got a look at the *Mad Bomber's* face. The last panels of page 21 showed the true criminal, desperately afraid when cornered. Their fear overcomes them so that they don't know what they're doing.

—JOE RUSNAK, Monroeville, N.J.

In slum areas, you're apt to hear the nickname *Skinnay* pronounced as *Skinnay*. Besides, if you were a sinner of 20 years ago you'd know of *Skinnay Ennis*, famous drummer with the *Hal Kemp band* ("Got a Date With an Angel"). —Editor

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Dear Editor:

I was ready to give up on *Batman*. However, as there will always be *Baker Street Irregulars*, I suppose I will always be a *Batmaniac*.

Your "New-Old-Look" trend starting in *BM* #204 has got me going again. As far as stories go, I can't remember when I enjoyed three better in "Blindman," "Last Mile," and "Deathtrap." These had the mystery, suspense, and detective qualities *Batman* fans like to see. I could elaborate and point out minor faults, etc. These I leave for the other *Bat-fans* who like to see their letters printed. Stories OK—a step in the right direction.

Art: No trade this time. It's not what I want but I'll have to do. You could greatly improve it by having Joe Giella making *Batman's* head a little more square. He always looks *Batman's* head a little too oval-like. Refer to *Batman* #207 at the bottom of pages 10 and 11 for those darn oval-heads. As for Bob Brown in *Detective Comics*, I think you're kidding. If that ain't Bob Kane with a super-ink job, I owe you a buck.

—PITTSBURGH SAM, Pittsburgh, Pa.

(You blew the buck, Pittsburgh Sam—but we'll call it all even if you'll reveal your real name! —Editor)

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Dear Editor:

The cover of *Batman* 207 is the only justification I can find for seven pages of fighting which logically should not have taken place. No crime-boss as big as "Big Brill" needs to swing when *Batman* wants to talk to him, nor would he be so foolish as to direct his henchmen to destroy *Batman* in his own apartment building. He certainly would feel secure enough to face *Batman* without a gun. Perhaps we can understand his panic at the superstitious fear all criminals have for the *Caped Crusader*, but I personally feel that's going a bit too far to justify a "deathtrap" cover which is a take-off of a similar cover a few years back. Neither the cover nor the scene was worth using, since neither idea was clever. (And I'm tired of seeing six guys firing at close range across the *Dynamic Duo* completely!) It just isn't possible! May I add, a bit facetiously, that otherwise the story was "just great?"

—IRENE VARTANOFF, Lake Forest, Ill.

(Thanks for your welcome ending, Irene! It caught us by surprise! —Editor)

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Dear Editor:

October is always a special time in Rutland, Vermont; October of 1969 promises to be even more so. Why? Well, the 1st of the month marks the 10th "birthday anniversary" celebration of the annual *Batman-Halloween Parade*. And it bids to be great in the tradition of the past.

Had you been in Rutland this past Halloween, you would have witnessed why *Batman* and Halloween have become synonymous in the Rutland celebration. Chill was in the air, but with the excitement and music, no one minded. Hundreds of all ages came to march in costume and hundreds more lined city byways to watch. Bands played and crowds bunched as "Gibby" Kessop, wearing the *Batmanian* colors, wheeled the *Bat-Float* out onto the streets.

"BAT POWER!" proclaimed the huge poster backdrop. Pictured in large, colorful splendor was a gigantic *Batman* with swinging, clenched fist; *Robin* in an equally exciting action pose, and *Batgirl*, likewise ready.

Side banners read, "BATMAN FOR PRESIDENT" and "ROBIN FOR VICE PRESIDENT"—"BATGIRL FOR FIRST LADY." And acknowledging the greetings of their fans were all three caped figures, along with *Bat-Mite*, who true to form fluttered onto the float just at the last minute. Confronting them was a well-known comic magazine villain who failed to depose *Batman* as parade marshall.

All too soon, the parade was over . . . *Batman*, *Batgirl*, *Robin* were surrounded by hordes of youngsters wanting to shake hands, have pictures taken with these heroes and insisting the *Bat-Family* share trick 'n' treat goodies.

And for you, curious about such things: Yes, *Batman* did receive a presidential vote or two the following Election Day. It's officially recorded so on Rutland City records.

—TOM FAGAN, Rutland, Vermont

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I'VE GOT TO CHECK ON THE  
NEW NUMBERS THE MEN  
GOT AROUND HERE!

HIS AUNT SENT IT TO HIM!  
THAT'S WHEN HE GETS  
OUT OF PRISON!

WHAT'S THAT NUMBER  
DOING ON BUTCH'S  
SWEATER?

